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I am a newspaper columnist, author, political commentator, teacher, and president of the John William Pope Foundation, a North Carolina-based grantmaker.

Specialties: I specialize in state and local politics and public policy issues. At the moment, my writing primarily consists of my twice-weekly syndicated column for some 70 newspapers in North Carolina. My other journalism is primarily for Reason magazine, for which I am a contributing editor, and National Review, where I write on various topics, including state politics, and blog occasionally at "The Corner."

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Experience

President
John William Pope Foundation
Jan 2015 – Present · 4 yrs 1 mo
Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina Area

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Owner, Daoud Holding Inc./Ame Funeral Partners

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Tap Instructor
Triangle Academy of Dance
Aug 2018 – Present · 6 mos
Cary, North Carolina

I teach intermediate and advanced tap classes at this Cary-based dance studio that serves families in Wake County and beyond. This part-time gig represents a return to my very first job as a teenager in Charlotte: teaching tap and ballroom.

Adjunct Instructor
Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy
Jan 2018 – Present · 1 yr 1 mo
Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina Area

I teach a seminar, "Modern Conservatism and Policy," for MPP students at Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy.

Contributing Editor
Reason Foundation
1988 – Present · 31 yrs

I have written for Reason magazine off and on since I finished my journalism degree in 1988.

Columnist/Author/Commentator
Freelance
Jul 1986 – Present · 32 yrs 7 mos
Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina Area

I write a twice-weekly syndicated column for the Winston-Salem Journal, Greensboro News & Record, Raleigh News & Observer, Asheville Citizen-Times, Wilmington Star-News, and newspapers in more than 60 other North Carolina communities. The column began in 1986 in the Spring Hope Enterprise.... See more

Columnist
Business North Carolina
Sep 2012 – Dec 2017 · 5 yrs 4 mos
Charlotte, North Carolina Area

John Locke Foundation
24 yrs 11 mos

President
Jun 1995 – Dec 2014 · 19 yrs 7 mos
Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina Area

The John Locke Foundation is a North Carolina think tank that issues policy studies, hosts dozens of events each year, distributes articles and columns to newspapers, offers guests and content to radio and TV stations, and publishes Carolina Journal, which serves a monthly audience of more than 400,000 North Carolinians through its print, radio, and online editions as well as its news... See more

Research & Publications Director
Feb 1990 – Jun 1995 · 5 yrs 5 mos
Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina Area

After helping found JLF in 1989-90, I directed its research and publications for the first five years before becoming president.

Bradley Visiting Fellow
The Heritage Foundation
Oct 1994 – Oct 1995 · 1 yr 1 mo

Wrote my first book, for Simon & Schuster, while on a yearlong fellowship at Heritage. It was me, Stephen Glass, and Tucker Carlson in an office suite. Fun times.

Reporter-Researcher

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I worked about a year at TNR, assisting senior editors Fred Barnes and Mort Kondracke with articles as well as their appearances on the television program "The McLaughlin Group."

Reporter
Spring Hope Enterprise
May 1986 – Dec 1988 • 2 yrs 8 mos
Rocky Mount, North Carolina Area

While in J-School, I worked on and off for a couple of years as a reporter and sometime editor at the Enterprise and its sister paper, the Rocky Mount Record.

Dixie Davis Intern
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Jan 1988 – Jun 1988 · 6 mos
Washington, D.C.

I spent my Spring 1988 semester as the Dixie Davis Intern at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where I did stints in their government relations shop, at their magazine Nation's Business, and deployed to Capitol Hill for a few weeks in the office of House Minority Whip Trent Lott (R-MS).

Intern
National Journalism Center
Jun 1987 – Aug 1987 • 3 mos
Washington, D.C.

I spent the summer of 1987 at the National Journalism Center, created by the late Stan Evans, with whom I struck up a strong and lasting friendship. While there, I interned with Donald Lambro, a syndicated columnist and correspondent for The Washington Times.

Dance Instructor
Grose School of Dance
1981 – 1984 • 3 yrs
Charlotte, North Carolina

I taught beginning & intermediate tap classes and assisted the owner of the studio, Harry Grose, with cotillion and ballroom classes. There may have been swing dancing to AC/DC songs. But, purely by accident, no video evidence exists.

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Education

University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Graduate Certificate, Nonprofit Management
2018 – 2018

Completed courses in leadership, management, strategic planning, program evaluation, human resources, and related subjects for this program, based in UNCG's Department of Political Science.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro
M.A., Liberal Studies
2017 – 2018

Completed primarily history and political science courses to earn UNCG's Masters in Applied Arts & Sciences (MAAS).

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
B.A., Journalism
1984 – 1988
Activities and Societies: Debate team, writer for the UNC Journalist

While at UNC-Chapel Hill, I founded The Carolina Critic, a monthly magazine that eventually established a campus TV show, a speaker series, and editions at N.C. State, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-

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Independence High School
1981 – 1984
Activities and Societies: Debate Team, Quiz Bowl Team, Dramatic Arts, Managing Editor of The Declaration (newspaper), Chorus, German Club

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Volunteer Experience

Adult Leader
North Carolina 4-H
1984 – 1992 • 8 yrs
Children

During my time as a volunteer leader, I helped take delegations of 4-Hers to summer camp, staffed a robotics club for a short time, and spent several years as the music director for the North Carolina 4-H Performing Arts Troupe, which toured the state and elsewhere.

Board Chairman and Faculty Member
NC Institute of Political Leadership (IOPL)
2001 – Present • 18 yrs
Politics

IOPL trains North Carolinians of all parties and ideologies to run for public office and to serve effectively and ethically in elected or appointed positions in government. IOPL operates two classes of Fellows each year, in the Spring and Fall, as well as other programs aimed at improving the quality of and participation in political campaigns and public service in North Carolina. nciopl.org

Composer, Playwright, Volunteer
Teen Arts Program
1991 – 2006 • 15 yrs
Arts and Culture

The Teen Arts Program (TAP) began life at Raleigh's Theatre in the Park, moving later to Meredith College and finally to Cary Academy. TAP recruited dozens of talented teens each year for an intensive summer camp during which the students learned and then performed an original musical play written for them.

Board of Visitors
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Jul 2016 – Present • 2 yrs 7 mos
Education

Created in 1974, the board of visitors at UNC-CH assists the university's board of trustees and chancellor in maintaining and enhancing the quality and excellence of the institution. Each member of the board of visitors is elected to a four-year term by the UNC-CH board of trustees.

Co-Chair
North Carolina Leadership Forum
2015 – Present • 4 yrs
Politics

The NC Leadership Forum is co-sponsored by the Duke Endowment, the John William Pope Foundation, and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Hosted by Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy, the NCLF brings together three dozen key leaders from across the state — in government, business, education, philanthropy, and community organizations — to discuss important issues and to model civil dialogue across differences of viewpoint and background.

Commissioner
North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law & Justice
2015 – 2017 • 2 yrs

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Vice Chairman
The James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal
2003 – Present • 16 yrs
Education

The James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal — formerly known as the John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy — is a nonprofit institute dedicated to improving higher education in North Carolina and the nation. Located in Raleigh, North Carolina, it has been an independent 501(c)(3) organization since 2003. It is now named for former NC Gov. Jim Martin, who also served 12 years in Congress and before that was a professor of chemistry at Davidson College. Read more at http://www.jamesgmartin.center/.

Board of Directors
Student Free Press Association
2015 – Present • 4 yrs
Education

The Student Free Press Association is a nonprofit organization run by veteran journalists to help beginning journalists. With our higher-education news website, The College Fix, we work with college-aged writers, bloggers, tweeters, podcasters, and viral video makers for the purpose of identifying and supporting young people who seek to improve campus journalism, explore careers in the media, and commit themselves to the principles of a free society. We tell stories, spot talent and nurture careers. Learn more at http://www.thecollegefix.com/

Board of Directors
State Policy Network
Jan 2017 – Present • 2 yrs 1 mo
Economic Empowerment

The State Policy Network was created in 1992 to serve as a sort of "trade association" for state-level think tanks across the United States that are committed to the principles of limited government, free enterprise, choice and competition in public services, personal freedom, and personal responsibility. Its predecessor was the Madison Group, an informal network of think tankers, of which I was a member.

Vice Chair
Carolina Liberty Foundation
2012 – Present • 7 yrs
Education

Carolina Liberty Foundation as an independent 501(c)(3) that raises private funds to sponsor conservative and libertarian student organizations and activities at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Was chair of the board from inception to 2018, and now serve as vice chair.

Board Of Directors
North Carolinians for Redistricting Reform
2017 – Present • 2 yrs
Politics

North Carolinians for Redistricting Reform is a 501(c)(3) organization devoted to educating state officials, opinion leaders, and the general public about the importance of politically neutral redistricting criteria and a process for drawing legislative and congressional districts that serves the interests of the voters — not of incumbents, parties, or special interests. Our goal is to see a constitutional amendment placed on North Carolina's ballot in 2020.

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Skills & Endorsements

Blogging · 99+

Endorsed by **Max Borders and 2 others who are**

Endorsed by **2 of John's colleagues at Reason**

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Politics · 99+

Endorsed by **Doug Bandow and 21 others who are highly skilled at this**

Endorsed by **5 of John's colleagues at John Locke Foundation**

Journalism · 99+

Endorsed by **Matthew Eisley and 1 other who is highly skilled at this**

Endorsed by **2 of John's colleagues at The Heritage Foundation**

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Recommendations

Received (0) Given (2)

Amanda Shreve
Contributer at Article Asylum
March 4, 2011, John was senior to Amanda but didn't manage directly

Amanda is a hard worker who welcomes responsibility, new ideas, and opportunities to serve.

Mark Shiver
Communications Liaison for the House Republican Caucus at North Carolina General Assembly
January 17, 2009, John worked with Mark but at different companies

Mark is a consummate professional whose work already met or exceeded the highest standards of his industry. A skillful and thoughtful producer, Mark would be an asset to any team.

Accomplishments

7 Publications

Catalyst: Jim Martin and the Rise of North Carolina Republicans • Clear Creek and Rocky River: A Carolina Family History • Out Best Foot Forward: An Investment Plan for North Carolina's Economic Recovery • To Know Such Liberty: An American Family History • Selling the Dream: Why Advertising Is Good Business • Investor Politics • The Heroic Enterprise: Business and the Common Good

6 Honors & Awards

Historical Book Award • Pelican Award for Advocacy • Lifetime Achievement Award • Charles Koch Outstanding Alumnus Award • Thomas A. Roe Award • Felix Morley Journalism Award

Interests

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174 followers

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1,814 followers

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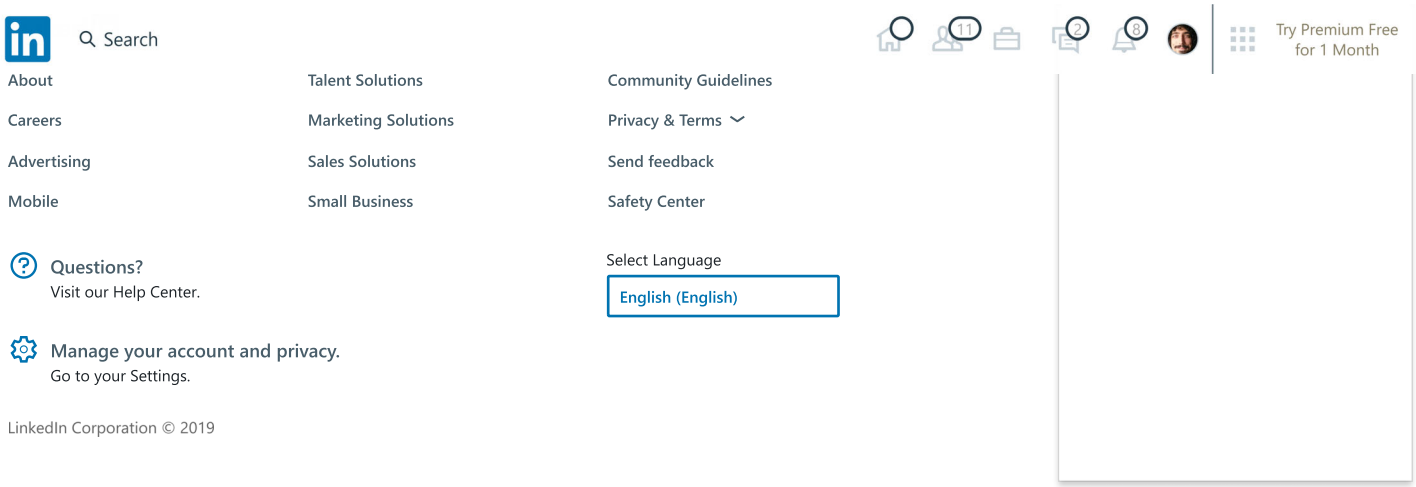
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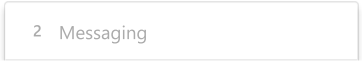
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